

Remarks

Claims 1 to 68 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the cancelled subject matter recited therein. New claims 69 to 72 have been added. The new claims find support in the specification at, *inter alia*, Figures 15A and 15B and page 52, line 1 to page 65, line 15; and page 73, line 8 to page 77, line 8. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no new prohibited matter has been added by the new claims.

1. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 41, 47 and 54 to 68 are rejected as allegedly indefinite due to the recitation of “converting, under sufficient conditions.”

Without acquiescing to the merits of this rejection, Applicants have, in order to expedite allowance of this application, cancelled claims 41, 47 and 54 to 68 without prejudice or disclaimer of the cancelled subject matter recited therein, and added new claims 69 to 72. The new claims do not contain the contested language. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn and the claims found allowed.


2. Conclusion

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner find that an interview would be helpful to further prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience.

Except for issues payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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